

CITY ITEMS.

THE FAST OF THE ATONEMENT.—The fast of ex-
piation annually observed by the Hebrews commenced
on Saturday evening, yesterday being the tenth day of
the month Tisri, in which it was decreed by the Levi-
tial law that the nation "should afflict their souls by
a statute for ever." In the days of the Israelitish nation
this occasion was also celebrated by a mode of sacrifice
common to many people of the East. Two young
goats were brought to the chief priest at the place of
national assemblage, who selected one by "the lot for
Jehovah," and slew him as a sin-offering "to make an
atonement." The other was "presented by the lot for
Azazel;" and the "scape goat" was "presented
alive before the Lord," the iniquities of the nation
confessed over him "putting them on the head of the
goat," and the animal thus sent off into the desert to
be devoured by jackals and carry with him all their
iniquities. The fast of the Atonement and the observ-
ances in the synagogues have succeeded to this old
Mithraic custom, and religious services took place
on Friday night and yesterday accordingly. The several
Rabbis delivered addresses to their congregations.
This fast is strictly observed by all Hebrews, and
from its commencement until its termination all business
and domestic duties, unless absolutely necessary, are
suspended.

AFFAIRS AT THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—The receipts
from duties are from \$75,000 to \$80,000 per day, and
business in the various departments continues to be
brisk enough to keep fully engaged the entire force of
clerks. In comparison with a corresponding period
last year, the receipts seem small, as the duties for
September, 1860, averaged nearly \$200,000 per day.

The present receipts are not so much from duties on
goods directly imported, as from goods withdrawn
from bonded warehouse for domestic distribution. Al-
though Treasury notes are but a trifle below par,
they are bought up by importers and used in payment of
duties, thus inflicting a loss, though small, on the
Government. It is to be hoped that a United States
Treasury note will before long be worth as much as a
bank-note, which is based on much less enduring
security.

The Collector being largely engaged in the over-
press of official business, consequent upon the recent
seizures, is scarcely visible at all in his accustomed of-
fice. The office-hunters appear to have been transferred
to the Surveyor's office, as would appear by the follow-
ing notice, which was displayed yesterday morning on
the outer wall of that functionary's office:

NOTICE.—Official business requiring my exclusive attention
during office hours, it will not be possible for any person calling
in relation to appointments, etc., to see me before 2 p.m.
H. ANDREWS, Surveyor.

A REGATTA.—The seventh annual regatta of the
Empire City Regatta Club will take place to-morrow,
on the Harlem River. There will be four races, con-
sisting of single scull for the championship, in which
Josh. Ward, who is favorably noticed by Mr. Willis in
the last *Home Journal*, will row. A four-oared race, a
six-oared race, to be rowed by amateur oarsmen only,
and double scull race. This series of races will occupy
the entire afternoon, the first race commencing at 1 p.m.
Some twenty-five boats will contend in the
different races, and the regatta will, undoubtedly,
be one of the most exciting and interesting ever given
in our waters. Each race will be for five miles,
measured by three turns, so that the spectator can enjoy
an excellent view of the whole contestants throughout
the entire race. The boats will start from Con-
rad's Garden, foot of Ninety-third street, Harlem
River. \$400 will be distributed in prizes.

SUSPECTED OF COUNTERFEITING.—Yesterday, Jacob,
William and Charles Seibert, lithographers, No. 93
Fulton street, were arrested by Detective Radford,
upon information given by Joseph Steward, of No. 193
West Nineteenth street, and taken before Justice Con-
nelly at the Jefferson Market Police Court. They
were charged with having concealed upon their premises
a lithographic stone for lithographing \$5 bills on
the Farmers' and Citizens' Bank of Williamsburgh,
Kings County, N. Y. Two bills on the Bank of Com-
merce, New-London, were also found on the premises.
They were locked up until testimony could be obtained
from the officers of the bank in Williamsburgh
as to whether they had granted permission for their
bills to be copied.

The Seiberts state that they were simply exper-
imenting, with a view to procuring an order from some
of the other banks.

CORONERS' CASES.—On Friday afternoon Josephine
Brennan, ten years of age, fell into the dock and
was drowned. Her parents reside on a barge, at the
foot of West Forty-third street. Soon after, a man
went into the locality to fish, and one of his first drifts
brought to the surface the body of the little girl.
Coroner Jackman held an inquest on the body, and
thus rendered a verdict of "accidentally drowned."

On Friday night, Wm. Vaughan, a native of Ire-
land, 30 years of age, and a longshoreman, being in-
toxicated, fell down the stairs of No. 410 Water street,
and was killed. Coroner Schirmer held an inquest,
and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the
circumstances.

A NEW ORGAN FOR TRINITY CHURCH.—It is understood
that the Vestry of Trinity Church are about to
introduce a choir organ into that edifice. The intro-
duction of the choral service and a choir of boys in
the chancel makes it needful that an organ should be
near. As it is, the choir is at one end of the church
and the organist at the other. A new organ is to be
made and placed in the opposite end of the vestry
room, opening into the chancel. The grand organ will
remain where it is, to be used for instrumental pur-
poses and the Gloria only.

CROMWELL'S SOLDIER'S BIBLE.—The American
Tract Society, No. 150 Nassau street, New-York, have
published 20,000 copies of the Soldier's Pocket-Bible,
first issued for the English army in the time of Oliver
Cromwell, A. D. 1645. Price in paper covers, 3 cents
single, \$2.50 per hundred, \$20 per thousand; in cloth,
5 cents single, \$4 per hundred, \$35 per thousand.
This is a compilation from the Holy Scriptures espe-
cially adapted to soldiers. Will not those who love the
soldier and the country furnish the means of supplying
them to the army?

RELIC OF THE REVOLUTION.—R. B. Minturn, esq.,
of this city, has presented to the Redwood Library of
Newport, R. I., two links and a swivel of a chain,
which was, during the Revolutionary War, stretched
across the Hudson River to impede navigation. The
links are made of three-inch iron, and are three feet
long by one foot wide. This chain was manufactured
by the grandfather of Thomas Francis Meagher.

DR. ELLIS PARDONED.—Gov. Morgan has issued a
full pardon to Dr. Thomas T. Ellis, who was convicted
of constructive larceny, in the Court of General Ses-
sions, about a year and a half ago, and sentenced by
Recorder Burnard to three years and a half in the State
Prison. The Doctor was accused by a woman of
stealing a diamond ring, but the Governor did not con-
sider the evidence altogether reliable.

**REPORTED DEATH OF THE REV. DR. WILLIAM J.
HOOG.**—The Presbyterian says it is reported that the
Rev. Dr. William J. Hoog, late associate pastor of the
Brick Church in New-York, died at Richmond, Va., of
typhoid fever, soon after his return to that place. The
editor says that he has not been able to trace the rumor
to any reliable authority.

LETTERS FOR THE SECEDED STATES.—Seven hun-
dred and twenty-three letters, addressed to persons in
the Seceded States, have been received and detained at
the City Post-Office this week. Of these no less than
three hundred and sixty-two were received on Friday,
and a large part of them were brought by the Africa-

DEPARTURES.—The United States mail steamer

Arago, Capt. Lev., left yesterday for Southampton

and Havre with 91 passengers. The Cunard mail

steamer *Alaska*, Capt. Le Moine, also sailed yester-
day for Havana and Nassau. She takes out 37 pas-
sengers and \$69,895 in specie.

NEW-YORK HOSPITAL.—Weekly Report to Sept. 13,
1861:

Remaining on Sept. 8, 1861. Surgical. Medical. Total.
Admitted 1,000. Sent 700. 41 46 31
Discharged, cured or relieved. 30 21 31
Died..... 1 3 4
Remaining to date..... 171 178 344
Males, 318 Females, 22.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.—The new postage
stamps will be ready for delivery at the Post-Office in
this city to-morrow. Within six days from that date
the old issue can be exchanged for the new, and afterward
they will not be received in payment of postage.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO TWO CHILDREN.—On Fri-
day two children, belonging to Officer McCollough of
the Second Ward Police, fell from a platform at the
rear of the building, No. 123 Mott street. Both were
so severely injured that they had to be removed to the
City Hospital.

COTTON.—The steamer Westchester, Captain Jones,
which arrived yesterday morning from Providence,
brought on freight one hundred and eleven bales of
cotton.

Gen. Butler and the officers of his staff arrived here
yesterday morning from Washington, and are stopping
at the Metropolitan Hotel.

From fifteen to twenty out-door officials, inspectors,
&c., were appointed at the Custom-House on Friday
and yesterday.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Chesapeake, Crowell, Portland, Maine, and pass. to
H. B. Cromwell & Co.

Steamship Delaware, Cannon, Philadelphia and Cape May,
and pass to Fred. Perkins, Havre, Aug. 29, 1861, 2 p.m.
and pass to Spofford, Tilton & Co. 11th inst. Lat. 23
49, lon. 75, passed ship Zenas Coffin, bound N.

Ship Constitution of Brunswick, Bayonne, Liverpool Aug. 1,
1861, 10 a.m. passed ship Zenas Coffin, bound N.

Ship Eliza, Capt. John C. Chapman, bound N.